

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 9, 2007.

I. Summary of Examiner's Rejections/Objections

Prior to the Final Office Action mailed January 9, 2007, claims 1, 4-22, and 24-30 were pending in the Application. Claims 1, 4-8, and 22 were allowed. Claims 9-21 and 24 were withdrawn. In that Office Action, claims 25-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kumar et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,963,664) in view of Hsieh et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,011,558).

II. Summary of Applicant's Amendment

The present Response amends claim 1 and cancels claims 25-30, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1, 4-22, and 24. Reconsideration of the Application and of the claims is respectfully requested. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any originally presented or withdrawn claims in a continuing or future application.

III. Claims Rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In the Final Office Action mailed January 9, 2007, claims 25-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kumar et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,963,664) in view of Hsieh et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,011,558). The present Response cancels claims 25-30, rendering moot the rejection of these claims.

IV. Allowed Claims

In the Final Office Action mailed January 9, 2007, Claims 1, 4-8 and 22 were allowed. Claim 1 has been amended by the present Response to move an "and" to its proper location within the claim. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is being added to claim 1, and that claim 1 remains in condition for allowance.

V. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if she can assist in any way in expediting issuance of the patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 06-1325.

Respectfully submitted,

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